

**Understanding Our Past: Exploring the Hidden History of Meldreth
Archaeological Test Pit Project, 2013**

Results from Test Pit 21, Fieldgate Nurseries

Pottery

The pottery found in this pit is summarised in the table below. The small assemblage of Roman pottery shows that the site was in use at that time, although it probably had a marginal function. It then appears to have been abandoned until the Saxo-Norman or early medieval period. Activity dropped off quite sharply during the 15th century, after which time it was abandoned until the Victorian era. This is a similar pattern of occupation to that suggested by the pottery finds from Test Pit 10, which was located nearby.

Context	RB		SN		HED		HG		LMT		GRE		VIC		Date Range
	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	
1	2	4g			1	1g					2	26g			100-1600
2							2	2g							1150-1200
3	5	11g													100-400
4			1	3g			3	10g	2	8g			2	3g	900-1900
5					2	3g	3	7g							1150-1400
6			1	4g			1	1g							1000-1200
8							1	2g							1150-1200

For an explanation of the abbreviations shown above, together with more information on the types of pottery found, please see our [glossary](#) or the full [pottery report](#).

Bone

An analysis of the bones found in this pit is provided in the table below. The complete [bone report](#) is also available.

Taxon	Context	
	[1]	[6]
Sheep/ goat	.	.
Sub-total to species	.	.
Cattle-sized	.	.
Sheep-sized	2	4
Mammal n.f.i.	.	.
Bird n.f.i.	.	.
Total	2	4

The abbreviation n.f.i. denotes that the specimen could not be further identified.

Flint

The report on the flints found in this test pit are summarised in the table below. For additional information, please see the general [flint report](#).

Context	chip	irregular waste	primary flake	secondary flake	tertiary flake	blade	retouched flake	total worked	unworked burnt flint no.	unworked burnt flint weight (g)
1				1				1		
3	2			1	2			5		
4	1							1		

Other Finds

Context	Ceramic (excluding pottery)	Glass	Metal & metal-working	Stone	Other	Date range
C. 1	stone and brick x15 =38g		metal =6g		shell x3 =3g	
C. 2	tile x31 =180g, clay pipe =1g	glass =3g				
C. 3	clay pipe stem =1g, tile and brick x60 =328g		metal nails x2 =3g	charcoal =<1g		
C. 4	clay pipe =4g, brick and stone x30 =224g		metal nail =3g			
C. 5	brick x5 =7g			stone =18g	shell x6 =1g	
C. 6					oyster shell =?	

Further [finds reports and maps](#) are available elsewhere on the site.